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Sir:

I hereby certify that an original of this Request To Reissue Office Action is being faxed to Examiner Enoch E. Peavey at the U.S. Patent and Trademark

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Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-6.

But, in a Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the application, claims 1-6 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and a two new claims 7 and 8 were inserted. It is noted that the Filing Receipt indicates that there are two claims.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine claims 7 and 8 and issue a new Office Action.

If there are any questions regarding this request or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 038920.48799C1).

Respectfully submit

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